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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, 37 CFR 1.111

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003, the time period for response thereto being set to expire October 30, 2003, by virtue of the Petition for One-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendment and accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.